

County, and has held a hunter's license issued by the game warden of Cabarrus County for the preceding two years, to fill the vacancy of the commissioner whose term expires, and the commissioner so named shall hold office for two years or until his successor is named. In case the office of any commissioner is vacated for any cause, the Governor of North Carolina shall likewise name his successor to fill the unexpired term occurring by such vacancy.

(b) The office of game commissioner shall be nonremunerative.

Powers and
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commission.

SEC. 3. *Powers and duties of the game commission.* The game commission shall meet at some suitable place in the city of Concord to be designated by the chairman on the first Monday in May, the first Monday in August, the first Monday in November and the first Monday in February of each year, for the transaction of such business as may come before it. The commission may meet oftener for the purpose of hearings on petitions as hereinafter provided, or on three days written notice by the chairman to the other members of the board. A majority of the number on the game commission shall be sufficient to transact business of every kind that may come before the commission.

(a) The commission shall have and is hereby given full power and authority to change any open season for any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal, for the county or for any township or district when special circumstances may make such change desirable; to change the bag limit when special circumstances may make such changes desirable; but no such change or changes shall be made by the commission except upon the written petition of twenty-five or more reputable citizens holding hunter's license in Cabarrus County, and such change or changes shall be made only after a public hearing of which notice shall be given by at least two publications once a week for two weeks in a newspaper published in Cabarrus County, and posting a similar notice for the same length of time at the courthouse door and at the city hall in Concord, North Carolina. The commission after such public hearing shall act upon such petition as it may deem best. When such change is made the commission shall make an order covering the same and such change shall be given equal publicity as the above public notice of hearing requires, and such change shall be as effective as if originally named in this act.

(b) The commission shall have power to close entirely the open season for taking any game bird or game animal in the entire county, or in any one or more townships in the county, upon the written petition of one hundred or more reputable citizens in Cabarrus County and upon notice as above provided